



CLEANING UP—The job of cleaning up the Baldwin Hills area of Los Angeles continues six days after a reservoir dam burst sending 300 million gallons of water upon the area. In the wake of waves up to 30 feet high, homes valued up to \$100,000 were sliced in half, gouged badly or disintegrated under the water's onslaught. The bureau of street maintenance

is still cleaning the streets of thousands of tons of mud, silt, dirt and all manner of debris. Note the automobile still against the side of this house as heavy equipment works building an underground drain to prevent more damage in the event of rains. (UPI)

Airplane Strikes Truck at Airport

An airplane hit a gas truck Friday afternoon at the Medford airport when a mechanic turned over the propeller, the Medford Fire Department reported. The propeller and crank shaft of the plane broke, and the left

fender of the fuel truck was damaged, according to Medford Police. An airport mechanic, Gordon Kenneth Mekvold, 836 Taylor St., Medford, was turning the propeller over by hand while the plane was being refueled, according to reports, and the plane moved into the truck when the engine started. The aircraft is owned by Milo Kubalek, 907 S. Oakdale Ave., Medford.

The Medford Fire Department also was called to a house fire at 121 Elk St., Medford, Friday afternoon.

A loose connection in the wall had caused a gas leak from a propane tank to a stove, they reported. The owner held a lighted match too close to the leak while examining it and ignited the gas. No serious damage resulted, firemen said.

Flames covered a car in front of 405 Earheart St., Medford, Friday night, firemen reported. The fire spread from the upholstery. Cause is not known, firemen said.

Boys Arrested For Telephone Threat

MCMINNVILLE (UPI) — Two 17-year-old boys were taken into custody Friday in connection with a bomb threat telephone call to Sheridan High School Thursday morning. The boys, both juniors at the school were turned over to juvenile authorities.

MURDER TRIAL SET

NEVADA CITY, Calif. (UPI) — Three ex-convicts charged with shooting to death a California highway patrolman while escaping from a \$44,000 bank holdup go on trial here Jan. 20.

IDAHO UNEMPLOYMENT

BOISE, Idaho (UPI) — Idaho's employment security agency predicted Saturday unemployment will climb to a seasonal level of 7 per cent in Idaho this month.

BILL DEFERRED

BOISE, Idaho (UPI) — Members of the legislative council laughingly deferred Saturday until their next meeting an overdue bill of the house of representatives.

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YMCA Vacation Schedule Noted

The Christmas vacation schedule for youths at the YMCA has been announced by Ben Jensen, physical director. The schedule extends from Dec. 23 to Dec. 31 but the YMCA will be closed on the afternoon of Dec. 24 and all day Dec. 25 in recognition of the observance of Christmas in the home. It also will be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

On the other days of the vacation period junior high school boys will have an open gym period of intramural basketball from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Students interested in this activity are asked to sign up with the YMCA physical department.

Grade school boys will be offered a Junior Olympics period in the YMCA gym from 2 to 3 p.m.

Girls will have varied activities from 1 to 2 p.m. Included for these groups will be basketball, tumbling and trampolines.

The high school boys and college students will be given use of the YMCA gym when it is not scheduled for any other groups. Afternoons from 3 p.m. on is being set aside for older students, Jensen said.

Promotions Listed By Utilities Firm

Promotion of Murray L. Neal to division superintendent for California-Pacific Utilities Company has been announced by V. V. Lyman, division manager. Neal's responsibilities will encompass natural gas operations in all districts of CPU, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Yreka and Dunsmuir. His principal duties involve gas distribution to industrial accounts along the transmission line. Neal joined CPU in 1947 as an installation man in the tank gas department. He was made foreman of the Medford service department in 1956. During the past three years he has spent most of his time on the conversion work in preparation for natural gas in the five Southern Oregon districts. He served as inspector on the construction of the Grants Pass-Ashland transmission line.

Other Advancements
Other advancements to care for the company's expanded service requirements were announced by M. S. Gardiner, Medford district manager. Robert J. Buckles is now district service foreman. Buckles started work in the tank gas department of the company in 1947. His new duties will include the supervision of customer service in the tank gas and natural gas departments.

Multnomah Doctors Oppose Smoking

PORTLAND (UPI) — The Multnomah County Medical Society Friday passed a resolution opposing cigarette smoking. The group cited "overwhelming evidence" of a relationship between cigarette smoking and the increasing incidence of lung cancer. The society's board of directors adopted the resolution unanimously, according to president Dr. Raymond Reichle. He said the society was particularly concerned with the need to discourage cigarette smoking among teen-agers.

Lightning Victim In Fair Condition

SEASIDE, Ore. (UPI) — Richard Old, 43, Warrenton, was reported in fair condition at a hospital here Saturday after being struck by lightning Friday. Old was hit during a lightning and hail storm while installing a television cable on Tillamook Head.

Timber Workers' Hearing To Resume

SALEM (UPI) — The general hearing on last summer's labor dispute involving the unemployment insurance claims of some 2,800 Oregon timber workers will resume here Jan. 17, it was announced Friday by M. F. Farland, chief appeals referee for the Oregon Department of Employment.

At that time International Woodworkers' Union witnesses will be heard.

A joint Oregon - Washington board recessed its hearings in Portland Dec. 6 to let rival attorneys try to agree on stipulations that could save time.

The date of the Washington general hearing will be announced by appeals examiner Harold Seely.

Russians Tour Ohio

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio (UPI) — A Russian family, here for a Christmas week visit, toured the snow-covered hill country west of here Saturday, became more acquainted with their American hosts and planned an old-fashioned ice skating session.

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